SUBJECT No. 159.

Municipalities which are not taluk head-quarters.

Mr. Gurusiddiah, Honnali Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In order to enable the residents of municipal towns which are not taluk head-quarters to make known their wants properly, the Deputy Commissioners or the Assistant Commissioners may be required to preside over at least one meeting of such municipalities every year.

Reply of Government.—The new rules make the Assistant Commissioners in charge of sub-divisions presidents of the municipalities in their sub-divisions. They should preside at as many meetings as they can of every Municipal Council.

SUBJECT No. 160.

Formation of Unions.

Mr. Seenappa, Bagepalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Villages containing 100 houses or upwards or a population of over 500 may be formed into Unions if the villagers so desire.

Reply of Government.—The working of the present system may be watched for some time. The Village Sanitation Rules are applicable to all villages containing 25 houses and more.

SUBJECT No. 161.

Levy of octroi on goods.

Messrs. Nama Rangiah, Chintamani Taluk, and Ommannaiya, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—Articles on which octroi duty has once been paid in one municipality are again subjected to duty in another, unless accompanied by a "mafi" rahadari within three months from the date of the first payment. This limitation of time may be removed in the case of cloths, as they are generally stamped by the first municipality and there is therefore no need to impose any limitation as regards the period within which a "mafi" rahadari should be applied for. In the case of other articles the limit of time may be extended.

Mr. C. Sreenivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

If a trader takes the cloths on which duty has been paid in one municipality into the limits of another municipality, he should pay duty in the latter municipality. Otherwise the latter municipality will suffer.

Mr. Madappa, Mysore City Municipality.

The present system is not in any way inconvenient to traders. It is only persons who purchase cloths for their own private use in small quantities within the limits of one municipality that find the present system to be inconvenient as they are also required to pay duty within the municipality in which they reside.

Reply of Government.—The present rule requires no alteration. The municipalities concerned should make arrangements for exempting from octroi articles brought into the town for private use in small quantities, as laid down in the late Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 3362-73—Ml. 161, dated 27th September 1879. The question should not be brought up again.